



PRESS RELEASE

Pikesville Woman Pleads Guilty to Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult

BALTIMORE, MD (June 30, 2016) - Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Constance Felder, 68, of Pikesville, Maryland, entered a guilty plea to Second Degree Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult on June 29, 2016, before the Honorable Kathleen Gallogly Cox, Circuit Court for Baltimore County. Judge Cox sentenced Felder to probation before judgment and placed her on supervised probation for 18 months. As part of probation, Felder must perform 50 hours of community service. Additionally, she will be placed on a federal exclusions list to prohibit her from being employed in any federally funded healthcare related program.

Constance Felder worked as a caregiver at Progress Unlimited, an adult day care facility that provides supportive living services to individuals with developmental disabilities, in Owings Mills, Maryland.

On October 27, 2015, a Progress Unlimited staff member reported to a supervisor at Progress Unlimited that she observed Constance Felder strike the victim, a 62-year-old man who is blind and non-verbal, on the back of the head four to five times with a closed fist. The victim receives services at Progress Unlimited through the Developmental Disabilities Administration of the Maryland Medicaid Program. He lacks the capacity to care for his daily needs.

Medicaid is a health-care program for families and children and certain other individuals who qualify based on income levels, disability, and certain other circumstances. Second Degree Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult is a misdemeanor and has maximum penalties of 5 years' incarceration and/or a \$5,000 fine.

In making this announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Assistant Attorney General John McLane and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Investigator Michael Regan for their work on this case.